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2006 SUMMER TRANSITION SEMINAR

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND JUNIORS WITH

DISABILITIES

Please consider taking advantage of this new and exciting opportunity to get ready for college, the summer transition seminar sponsored by the University of Montana. The Seminar is designed for Montana junior and senior high school students with disabilities who are considering or planning on attending a college or university. The two and a half day seminar will be conducted at The University of Montana on **June 21- June 23, 2006.**

During the Transition Seminar participants will:

- (1) obtain practical knowledge of disability rights and responsibilities in higher education.
- (2) learn how assistive technology can aid in accessing and managing academic and vocational goals.
- (3) gain the skills to communicate effectively with professors and staff.
- (4) learn about resources such as Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Summit Independent Living Center.
- (5) experience college campus and dormitory life.
- (6) meet current college students with disabilities to discuss the types of challenges they face.

Who we are?

Disability Services for Students (DSS) is a stand-alone University of Montana office under the Division of Student Affairs. Our mission is to assure that University programs are as accessible by students with disabilities as they are for their peers without disabilities. DSS coordinates and provides reasonable accommodations, advocates for

an accessible and hospitable learning environment through the removal of physical, communication and attitudinal barriers, and promotes self-determination and personal responsibility for students with disabilities. DSS serves about 900 students, which is approximately 7 percent of the student body. The office publishes a transition guide, which is often used to promote transition across the country. The guide may be viewed at: http://www.umd.edu/dss/new_students/default.htm

Schedule of Events and Sessions (tentative)

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Check-in**

Welcome to the Transition Seminar! Please check in at the registration table to receive a packet of the seminar materials. You will be notified of the location of your dorm room.

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Lunch at the Food Zoo (University cafeteria)**

Enjoy the buffet-style lunch served at the Food Zoo, located in the Lommasson Center.

1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. **Welcome and Overview of the seminar**

Disability Services for Students Director Jim Marks welcomes you to the seminar. An overview of the seminar will be provided so you know what will be happening over the next few days.

1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Break**

2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. **Independent Living**

When you enter college, you will be responsible for your choices and decisions. This session highlights your rights and responsibilities as a college student and as a first class citizen.

2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. **Independent Living II: Where can I get resources?**

This session offers practical information on where and how you can obtain your personal independent living assistance. A speaker from Summit Independent Living Center, Missoula will provide useful information on community resources including Personal Care Attendants, medical equipment and Transportation. We will also talk about where to go to find textbooks in an accessible format, managing readers, scribes, and note takers, and securing other services.

3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Scavenger Hunt: Access on Campus**

As a group, you will search out physical and informational barriers and access on campus. Check out the facilities and informational resources. You are expected to come back to the Seminar room by 5 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Report and Discussion on Access on Campus

Your group will report what you learned from the survey and get prizes.

6:00 p.m. Dinner at the Food Zoo

Thursday, June 22, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Food Zoo

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Differences in IEP and IPE

You've got an IEP, now what is IPE? This presentation will address Vocational Rehabilitation, its process, Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE), and effective ways to utilize VR services.

9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. No IDEA? Try ADA

This presentation will acquaint you with the laws that protect your civil rights under postsecondary education. An overview will be given concerning the differences in IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, which will help you to understand the difference between high school and college.

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Reasonable Accommodations

In this session, you will learn: (1) what is a functional limitation; (2) what are reasonable accommodations; (3) when are accommodation requests denied, and (4) how to pursue dispute resolution.

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch at the Food Zoo

1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Assistive Technology

The use of Assistive Technology (AT) as a reasonable accommodation may be a great way to access educational opportunities in college. This presentation provides an overview of AT and a demonstration of some AT software and hardware.

1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Strategies to work with your professors and Residence Life Offices

Now I know about reasonable accommodations, but how do I inform others?

2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. **Meeting with college students with disabilities**

In this symposium, current college students with disabilities will share their experiences and invite frank discussions.

3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Meeting with college students with disabilities continued**

This is a great opportunity to get to know other college students with disabilities.

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Dinner at the Food Zoo**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Movie Night**

A movie will be shown and a discussion will follow.

Friday, June 23, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast at the Food Zoo**

9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion**

Now that you are familiar with Vocational Rehabilitation, you will have an opportunity to speak with individuals from Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and the Montana Client Assistance Program.

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Show off what you've got!**

You will be asked to present what you have learned through the Transition Seminar. Your parents are welcome to join this session. At the end of this session you will be asked to fill out an evaluation form.

12:00 p.m. **The seminar closes**

Registration fees

\$185 (includes all materials and meals during the seminar and lodging for the nights of June 21 and 22)

Note: Scholarships may be available from Disability Services for Students. If you are served by Vocational Rehabilitation Services, contact your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Voc Rehab may provide you with financial support.

How to Register

Mail your registration form with payment to:

Disability Services for Students
Lommasson 154
University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59812

Registration Deadline: April 20th, 2006

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations are allowed but must be in writing to the seminar coordinator by Wednesday, June 14th. There is an \$80 processing fee for cancellations after May 30th.

Questions?

Call Mika Watanabe-Taylor, Seminar Coordinator at (406) 243-6535, fax (406) 243-5330, or email at mika.watanabe-taylor@umontana.edu

**2006 Summer Transition Seminar for High School Juniors and Seniors with
Disabilities**

June 21-23, 2006

The University of Montana - Missoula Campus

Part 1 - Registration Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Name of the School you currently attend: _____

Grade in School (as of June 2006): _____

Age (as of June 2006): _____ Gender: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number in case of emergency: _____

Email address: _____

Are you receiving Vocational Rehabilitation services? Yes _____ No _____

Part 2 – Programmatic Accommodation Information:

In the space following, please request any disability related accommodations to participate in the seminar.

Part 3 – Seminar Registration Fees

\$185 (includes all materials and meals during the seminar and lodging for the nights of June 21 and 22)

Option 1: Make checks payable to: Disability Services for Students and send your payment to Disability Services

Option 2: Vocational Rehabilitation Services will pay my fees.
Name of your Voc Rehab Counselor:

Phone number of your Voc Rehab Counselor: _____

Purchase Order# _____

Please return the registration form **by April 20th, 2006** to:
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